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## THE FUTURE OF GARBAGE COLLECTION IN DEKALB COUNTY

# Let's Talk Trash

Presented by Connie Stokes



DeKalb County Sanitation Department

# Current Sanitation Division Service DeKalb County Sanitation collects household garbage, recyclables and yard waste





# Issues to Think About...

1. Expenses exceeds fees
2. Action needed



# Purpose of these Meetings

- Inform Citizens
- Receive Comments
- Report comments to the CEO and Board of Commissioners





# DeKalb Sanitation Mission

“The Sanitation Division strives to facilitate cost effective, timely and sustainable solid waste collection and disposal services; aiming to ensure an aesthetically pleasing community for the residents and commercial entities to work, live or play.”



# Sanitation Division Services

## Current Weekly Residential Service

- 2 Household Garbage
- 1 Recyclables Collection
- 1 Yard Debris





# Sanitation Division Services

## Other Services

- Bulky Items Collection
- Special Collection Service (fee)
- Mowing & Herbicide Division
- Commercial
- Keep DeKalb Beautiful



# Recent Changes in Service

## Collection of Recyclables is now FREE! (register @ DeKalbRecycles.com)

- First Bags and Container are Free
- Higher participation
- Recycling items sold
- Extends life of Landfill





# Current Cost Per Household

- \$265 per year
- Billed on Property Tax Bill
- Rate last changed in 2006
- **Fund currently in the red**



# Potential Solution to Deficit

## Keep service at current levels

- Fee increased \$40 per year
- Maintains same number of trucks required
- Large items collection stays the same





# Potential Solutions

## Collect garbage 1 day per week:

- Fee Remains the same
- 1 Collection day
- Fewer trucks
- Reduced wear and tear on streets
- Large items collection stays the same



# We want to hear from You!!!

## To weigh in on this issue,

- Complete your comment cards
- <http://www.facebook.com/DeKalbRecycles>
- General concerns to  
[sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov)
- Join our recycling program, please call  
(404) 294-2900 or go to [DeKalbRecycles.com](http://DeKalbRecycles.com)





# Future Presentations

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, January 8	Tucker Library	6:30pm
Thursday, January 10	South DeKalb Senior Center	11:00am
Tuesday, January 15	Stonecrest Library	6:30pm
Wednesday, January 16	Lou Walker Senior Center	11:15am
Thursday, January 17	St. Timothy United Methodist Church	7:00pm
Tuesday, January 22	Eastlake Family YMCA	6:30pm
Wednesday, January 23	Senior Connections-Chamblee	12:15pm
Wednesday, January 23	Torah Day School of Atlanta	6:30pm
Saturday, January 26	Maloof Auditorium	9:30am
Monday, January 28	Cedar Grove High School	6:30pm
Saturday, February 2	Chapel Hill Middle School	9:00am

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